• Chakrabarti calls for the creation of an infrastructure coalition that will demand smart urbanization.
• A "neo-Marxist economic geographer" issues an urban manifesto: Cities like New York "are increasingly being constructed around spectacle...We're all suburbanites now, without knowing it."
• Beirut, "where money is king, it may be too late" to save its architectural heritage in a battle against "big money, corruption, lack of law."
• Szenasy on Fit City 5 and the collaboration between NYC's policy makers and creative community, resulting in the city's new Active Design Guidelines now being "downloaded to addresses far and wide."
• King on Snhetta winning the starchitect-studded competition to design SFMOMA's new wing.
• Heathcote and Booth on RIBA's Stirling Prize shortlist of museums and schools: "We are unlikely to see many of either for a while now, so the announcement of a winner may be tinged with architectural nostalgia" + betting odds favor Hadid + shortlist in pix.
• Neuroscientists and psychologists are not far behind architects with new research showing space has a very real impact on how we feel.
• An eyeful of 6 notable firms' visions of NYC and L.A. in 2030: the "results are stunning, and in some ways, revolutionary."
• Till tallies the problems with student end-of-year architecture shows: they're "euphoric, exuberant, and in need of an overhaul...It is essential to question how appropriate it is to stick with a 200-year-old model."
• The Israel Museum makeover "is one of the most inspired museum expansions in decades" (and nary a starchitect in sight).
• Kahn's once-threatened Trenton Bath House is (thankfully) in the last stages of a restoration.
• Calatrava's design for Denver International Airport terminal soon to be revealed.
• An alternative location and design for Philly's planned (and much-maligned) Family Court.
• Winners all: Australia's 2010 Premier's Design Awards + National Park Service first Designing the Parks competition (maybe these will stay open?).

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2010 Premier’s Design Awards Winners: part of the Victorian Government’s $15 million Design Victoria Strategy which recognises and promotes good design – Wood Marsh/John Holland; Studio Round; Gekko Systems Pty Ltd (Ballarat); Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation; Swinburne University of Technology, Faculty of Design- State of Design Festival (Australia)

National Park Service Picks Best-designed Parks: ...first Designing the Parks competition announced a total of 17 projects won.... -- Michael Van Valkenburgh; Wallace Roberts & Todd WRT; Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype; Paul Murdoch Architects/Nelson Byrd Woltz; RYUICHI ASHIZAWA Architects; Frederic Schwartz Architects/Ken Smith Landscape Architects/Mary Miss; Mathews Nielsen; Ma Lehrer; Bohlin Cywinski Jackson; Grupo de Diseño Urbano/Mario Schjetnan; Architectural Resource Group/Leddy-Maytum Stacy Architects/Office of Cheryl Barton [link to images, info]- The Dirt/American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)

Veni, Vidi, Vici: Museo MAXXI by Zaha Hadid Architects: Rome, Italy: The ancient city's newest museum is a reminder that here is a woman at the top of the field - and a testament to the fact that women build, and build well. By Ann Lui- ArchNewsNow

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